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WELCOMED!

The reception of a brand new church into Congregational fellowship and the ordination of its pastor is something new and significant. That was the happy experience of the Bay Association of Congregational Churches of Northern California in a special meeting at Berkeley on March 15. The Arlington Avenue Community Church (Congregational) recently organized with its constitution and by-laws, its covenant, its officers elected, and a charter membership of 68. It has an auspicious beginning in a community of one thousand or more comparatively new homes. The project is not al-

REV. HERBERT DIMOCK

together new, since for a dozen years there has been a Sunday School and all sorts of community organizations and gatherings,—in fact, almost everything that goes with a well-organized church except the church itself. The directors have been students at Pacific School of Religion, and a large residence has housed more activities than are found in many churches of half a thousand members.

When Herbert Dimock graduated from Pacific School of Religion in May of 1943, there was a clear cut demand in the community that he continue on a full-time basis, and assurance that if he did, the people of the commeunity would rally in the formation of a church. The Northern California Congregational Conference backed the project with an appropriation to supplement a budget provided by the community.

When the Association convened, both the church and the minister were examined,—the church as to its prospects, its organization, its covenant, and its financial support; the minister in the traditional pattern of a Congregational council, as to his educational qualifications, his previous service, his religious experience, and his belief.

When the council was "by itself" two votes were given hearty support,—one that the church be received into fellowship of the Association, and the other that the Association acting as a council proceed to the ordaining of the pastor. At the evening session which followed, the sermon was preached by Prof. James Muilenburg of Pacific School of Religion. The prayer of ordination was offered by Rev. Ralph C. Waddell of Los Angeles, the father of Mrs. Dimock. The charge to the minister was given by Rev. Vere V. Loper of Berkeley. In the same service, the prayer of consecration for the church was offered by Rev. Ralph V. Conard of Alameda, and the charge to the church by Rev. Robert Inglis of Oakland, and a response in behalf of the church itself was given by Rev. George B. Martin, a member of the new church and former moderator of the Conference. Rev. Donald Gaylord, Moderator of the Association, then extended the right hand of fellowship to the minister and the church. Rev. Pierson Parker offered the invocation and Rev. Holland Burr read the Scripture.

H. V. White Coming

Pacific School of Religion announces that beginning with the Fall term, Rev. Hugh Vernon White will become Professor of Theology and Missions. This news will be received gladly by Congregational pastors and churches. Dr. White grew up in California, was educated at the University of California and Pacific School of Religion. He holds a Master's degree from Harvard, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Stanford, besides the Doctor of Divinity degree conferred upon him by Pacific School. He was the most recent Earl Lecturer, in connection with the Pastoral Conference in February. His ministry began in the Disciples' Church, but in 1923 he was called as pastor of our church in Stockton, where he served for about 8 years, and from which he was called to the position of Educational Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. During the last few years he has also been on the faculty of Andover-Newton Theological School. Dr. White will be a worthy successor of his own teacher, Dr. John Wright Buckham, and of Dr. John C. Bennett. He will bring strength to the School, to the Christian forces of the Pacific Coast, and our own churches in particular.

P. S. R. SPONSORS

"There Will Come a Day . . ."

Under the above intriguing caption the Pacific School of Religion has launched a vigorous effort to enlarge its base of support and usefulness.

Richard R. Perkins, vice-president of the Commonwealth Club and past general secretary of the San Francisco Y.M.C.A., has been asked by the school trustees to serve as volunteer chairman of the Committee on Sponsors. The plan is to enlist friends who will each make a modest contribution and also lend their influence to the growth and strength of Pacific School.

Rev. James H. Price, as assistant to President Arthur C. McGiffert, Jr., has been assigned to direct the Sponsorship project.

Churches are being urged to adopt one of the following four plans in helping to obtain the immediate goal of 1000 Sponsors:

(1) Send a list of suggested Sponsors to the School.
(2) Secure literature from the School and make contacts through a local chairman for PSR.
(3) Pastor or selected chairman will present the cause at a regular or special service.
(4) A Pacific School of Religion representative as a guest speaker.

The following letter shows the widespread interest in backing up the program of the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley:

"Dear Sirs: The children of the Sunday School of Broadmoor Community Church send you $10.00 for one Sponsorship. Ivy E. Cooper, Missionary Supt."

Write for information or send your gift to Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California.

REV. JAMES E. WALTER
Secretary, Missions Council

Rev. James E. Walter of Boston comes as guest speaker for the spring meetings of our district Associations. He is associate secretary of the Missions Council and for five years has been doing extensive speaking before all age groups among the 1600 Congregational churches in New England.

He has visited the home mission fields of our fellowship in the Southwest, the Dakotas, Rocky Mountain area, Puerto Rico, and the Southeast. On the day of Pearl Harbor he was visiting Congregational churches in the heart of Mexico. He was educated at the University of Toledo, Otterbein College, and Yale Divinity School. He is one of the youngest men ever to hold a post of such type in our fellowship.

The schedule for the spring Associations is as follows:

Friday, April 21—Sacramento Valley, at Auburn.
Tuesday, April 25—Santa Clara, at San Carlos.
Wednesday, April 26—Redwood Empire, at Sebastopol.
Thursday, April 27—Upper Bay, at Pittsburg.
Tuesday, May 2—San Joaquin, at Parlier.
Thursday, May 4—Bay, at Hayward.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 5-6-7—German, at Fresno Zion.
Central, at Ripon, either May 1 or May 3.

GENERAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

One of the chief responsibilities at the spring Associations will be the selection of unit delegates to the General Council meeting, which will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 21 to 28. The delegates-at-large of the Conference will be selected by the Board of Directors at its May meeting. It is hoped that details of plans of entertainment and costs will be ready for the May issue of The Pacific.

ON VACATION

Field Secretary William W. Meyer, who will be exceedingly busy throughout the summer with young people's conferences and attendance at the General Council and the national young people's gatherings at Lakeside, Ohio, is taking vacation in Southern California.

FISCAL YEAR END

Again the Conference closed its fiscal year with a financial balance. The reserve for new work which was set up at the beginning of the new year was not used, due largely to the difficulty of securing the type of leadership for the work that was desired. In spite of it, three essentially new pieces of work were launched or came to us, and other churches were helped to find a new basis of strength so that in general there has been more progress than in any other year during the past decade. For the first time in many years, the churches through their apportionment giving exceeded the estimates of the Conference budget. Even in this period of declining income on investments, the conservative policy of budget making was justified by an income of nearly $600 more than was expected. Individual friends of the Conference again came forward without any pressure or personal solicitation, contributing $1,446 against an expectancy of $1,200. Without doubt the Conference Board of Directors at its budget meeting will accept the record of the past year as a mandate from the churches to expand our program and launch yet more work. It would require several times the gain that we have had to meet the great opportunity that is before us.

FRATERNAL DELEGATE

Rev. William Cecil Northcott, B.A., M.A., home secretary and literary superintendent of the London Missionary Society, will be one of the speakers at the Bay Association meeting in Hayward on Thursday, May 4. His theme will be "Britain Plans for Church Reconstruction." Mr. Northcott was invited to come to America by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. Not only is he identified with the missionary movement but he has done social work in the East End of London and was member of the Cambridge delegation to the League of Nations in Geneva. He is a regular contributor to the Manchester Guardian and is chairman of the Edinburgh House Press. His address will be given at the evening session.

NEW LANTERN SLIDES

Four new sets of kodachrome slides will be available for use in our churches within a week or ten days, to be borrowed on the same basis as those recently on hand in San Francisco, i.e., 50 cents per showing, plus transportation each way. The sets will be "Each With His Own Brush," "Highlands and Lowlands," "Dillard University," and "India's Hope." With the increased interest in visual education aids, churches are urged to get their requests in promptly. Write to the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco 2, Calif.

"The church I have always wanted to see is the church with a renewed faith, a faith that shall have some of the zeal and fervor of the fathers, a faith that shall be the charter for the free spirit of man, a faith that shall stir the imagination of mankind and set its face in new directions, a faith that shall give to mankind the hope and assurance that in the church it can find those eternal verities on which to build a better world."—By Frederick J. Newey, devoted Congregational layman of Chicago, who recently passed away.

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P. F. PROJECTS

Pilgrim Fellowship went over the top! Its goal for the fiscal year for benevolence giving for its projects was $600. A considerable number of societies made last-minute efforts to have the money in the office, and as a result the total exceeds the goal by $5.26. Following is a list of the churches participating, and also some miscellaneous sources from which gifts came. Nine pledges totalling $66.50 have not yet come in. These societies are invited to pay at the earliest possible date and thus give a boost for the new year. Our congratulations to our young people.

	Year ending March 31, 1944
Alameda	$ 10.00
Angels Camp	3.00
Antioch	5.00
Berkeley, First, Winthrop League	30.00
Plymouth House	40.00
Berkeley, North	5.00
Eureka	11.00
Ferndale	5.00
Lodi, First	11.00
Lodi, Ebenezer	6.00
Martinez	10.00
Mill Valley	10.00
Murphys	3.00
Oakland, First, High School Forum	30.00
Oakland, Fruitvale	5.00
Oakland, Plymouth	15.00
Oroville	15.00
Paradise	5.00
Petaluma	10.00
Porterville	20.00
Rio Vista	10.00
Ripon	5.00
Sacramento	100.00
Salida	19.00
San Carlos	5.00
San Francisco, Grace United	5.00
San Francisco, Ocean View	6.00
San Mateo	12.00
Saratoga	20.00
Tulare	20.00
Weaverville	7.50
German Young People's Convention	20.00
From Penny a Meal and other offerings at 1943 conferences	91.86
From two mid-winter conferences	17.45
On old pledges	17.45
	$605.26

SUMMER CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The 1944 summer conferences for young people will be held as follows:

SEQUOIA (Fresno area)—Sun., June 11-Sat., 17. Director, Rev. Willis Goldsmith.

LOMA MAR (Bay areas), Sun., June 18-Sat., 24 (Tentative date). Director, Rev. Ralph Conard.

LAKEWOOD (Central), near Lake Tahoe—Sat., June 24-Sat., July 1. Director, George Lynn.

MONTE TOYON, near Santa Cruz—JUNIOR HIGH, Sat., July 30, to Sat., Aug. 5.

LOKOYA (Upper Bay, Redwood areas)—Sun., Aug. 20-Sat., Aug. 26. Director, Rev. Gordon Foster.

ADVANCED (Zephyr Point) CONFERENCE (State)—Friday, Sept. 1-Monday, Sept. 4. The location has not yet been determined.

The next issue of The Pacific will be quite largely devoted to their plans and the opportunities afforded by them.

SO FAR SO GOOD

The first quarter of 1944 is past, and herewith is a church-by-church list showing, in the second column, benevolence giving for the first quarter of this year. The third column shows the figures for the same period in 1943. A few churches did not make remittances during the first three months this year, and a few did not last year, but by and large it is an encouraging story, with some splendid increases indicated. The first column shows the extra effort made by a large number to send in money that had accumulated during the month of March. One of the notable factors is that something over $700 came from individuals in response to a simple invitation from the Conference officers. This appears in the last item.

	March 1944	Jan.11 to Mar.31,'44	Jan.11 to Mar.31,'43
Adin	$	$	$ 3.40
Alameda	213.44	213.44	201.07
Alturas	16.10	24.92	6.39
Angels Camp	37.59	37.59	37.50
Antioch	32.59	32.59	12.44
Auburn	10.00	30.00	30.00
Berkeley			
Arlington Ave.	18.55	18.55	20.00
First	837.99	1,970.82	1,272.03
North	94.45	157.52	104.50
Park	.....	.....	22.01
Campbell	75.00	75.00	.....
Cedarville	25.00	25.00	25.00
Cloverdale	22.30	40.41	34.47
Cotati	51.87	51.87	8.20
Crockett	.....	24.00	26.08
Eureka	74.08	186.22	63.27
Ferndale	78.00	78.00	87.35
Fresno: First	211.24	511.24	615.33
Pilgrim	.....	100.00	100.00
Glen Ellen	24.05	24.05	10.00
Kenwood	.....	.....	12.30
Lodi: First	.....	400.00	328.25
Loleta	14.79	14.79	.....
Loomis	.....	.....	23.05
Martinez	62.03	62.03	99.23
Murphys	.....	81.00	81.00
Oakland: First	540.00	1,430.00	1,370.00
Fruitvale	.....	.....	15.00
Pilgrim	5.00	15.00	6.00
Plymouth	100.08	310.85	262.63
Oroville	96.29	107.72	37.15
Pacific Grove	97.58	97.58	18.80
Palo Alto	.....	.....	250.00
Paradise	25.00	75.00	110.00
Parlier	50.00	50.00	10.00
Penngrove	.....	44.17	22.25
Pescadero	10.00	10.00	.....
Petaluma	288.37	288.37	200.03
Pittsburg	36.74	36.74	53.65
Porterville	.....	200.00	90.00
Redwood City	228.00	228.00	253.94
Rio Vista	.....	.....	14.00
Ripon	23.19	83.37	46.16
Sacramento	80.00	240.00	158.76
Salida	30.00	30.00	25.00
San Carlos	41.01	41.01	35.46
San Francisco:			
Bethany Msn. Pk.	73.00	73.00	.....
First	138.66	220.64	191.04
Ocean View	40.00	60.00	25.00
Park Presidio	20.00	20.00	37.50
San Jose	55.07	173.74	215.00
San Leandro	11.75	23.15	.....
San Mateo	.....	70.00	252.25
Santa Cruz	.....	175.00	150.00
Santa Rosa	37.00	49.50	38.00
Saratoga	137.55	137.55	156.29
Sebastopol	44.56	44.56	.....
Sonoma	42.45	42.45	13.40
Soquel	18.00	18.00	25.00
Stockton	50.89	89.89	90.56
Suisun	.....	.....	25.00
Tulare	30.00	105.00	179.23
Weaverville	70.00	70.00	20.00
Woodside	28.80	28.80	26.00
Reno, Nevada	65.72	121.12	103.82
Miscellaneous*	772.64	905.59	560.85
	$5,186.42	$9,874.84	$8,328.64

*Includes Individual gifts for new work, Pilgrim Fellowship contributions, and per capita taxes from German churches.

WORLD SERVICE S. S. SCHOOLS

Church Schools will soon be given the privilege of again enrolling as "World Service" schools. For some years this movement has been allowed to lapse. It is being revived, simplified, and made much more attractive and valuable under the leadership of a committee of the Missions Council, headed by Miss Ruth I. Seabury. Schools will pay $1.00 as an enrollment charge and will receive a certificate of enrollment, a pamphlet outlining the plan, and will have outline and data for interesting missionary programs, both home and foreign, for several Sundays during the year.

Our Opportunity

The question is often asked whether the work of our Congregational Christian Committee for War Victims and Services duplicates that of other agencies, such as the Red Cross or the National War Fund. The Red Cross primarily serves our armed forces all over the world, and the War Fund and local War Chests ask their contributions to support only health, welfare, and relief services as distinguished from religious activities. These activities must be financed through gifts of religious bodies.

To be sure, it is often impossible, as well as inadvisable, to separate relief work, as such, from religious ministrations, but those receiving assistance should know definitely that Christian churches are aiding them in every possible way. Emergency help, as well as spiritual ministry, is desperately needed in many areas of suffering, and with three fourths of humanity enduring the greatest distress, there is no chance of too much assistance.

Pilgrim Fellowship has its important share in the work of the Committee. The gifts of its members are helping Greek refugees in Africa, famine sufferers in India, and especially refugee students in prison and in internment camps. Our young people may well feel that they, as well as the older members of our churches, are playing their vital part in the work of compassion.

Everyone whose heart is touched by the suffering of his fellow men is hoping that during Lent many Christians have adopted the Sacrificial Plan of giving to our Fund. Dr. Boynton Merrill, Chairman of the Committee, has recently said: "The world's fearful physical necessity is our greatest spiritual opportunity. May God forgive us if we miss it."

—Miriam S. Converse.

"I Know It Works!"

Sometimes, very important things happen so quietly we are not aware they are going on. In San Francisco, a little group of negroes and whites, mostly young people, called the CORE (Committee on Racial Equality) is making a convincing demonstration of the workability of the Christian Gospel. They are approaching situations of race prejudice and discrimination with a method they call "nonviolent direct action," wherein members of the two races visit and visit again the places where discrimination is practiced, with patience and friendliness insisting on being served together, reasoning with the proprietor or manager, even offering to reimburse him if the adoption of a policy of non-discrimination costs him business lost.

Some time ago, at one of the evening meetings of this group, a young negro arose and spoke in language far from elegant but with real conviction. The purport of what he said was this: "I want to testify that this thing works. I had gone into a restaurant not far from here, a few weeks ago, and been refused service. I was angry clear through and was on my way to try to round up a gang of my friends to go back and wreck the place, when I chanced to fall in with some of you folk. You told me you would help me and persuaded me to go with you and try your way. I went, but without much faith. I was wrong. Not only can I and my friends eat at that restaurant now, but we and the manager are good friends. I don't know much about Christianity, but if this is it, then I'm for it. I know it works!"—Donald F. Gaylord.

EUREKA. A splendid class of new members is coming into fellowship during the Easter season. Miss Winifred Hemingway was the guest of the church early in March.

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. Charles E. Ward, pastor, is the new president of the San Mateo County Ministerial Union. Seven local pastors and congregations participated in union Good Friday services in this church. A fine class of new members were received on Maunday Thursday at the candlelight communion service. The augmented choir furnished a beautiful musical setting.

SOQUEL. "The Messenger," dedicated to the men and women in the armed Services, goes each month to those whose addresses are available. This "little white church in the vale" has 47 names on its Service flag. Rev. T. Davis Preston, the pastor, is hoping that means may be found to minister to unchurched communities in the general vicinity.

SALIDA. Rev. Jessie Getty Heath expects a number of new members at Easter and several children for baptism. Field Secretary Meyer was pulpit guest and met with the Sunday School and Pilgrim Fellowship group. A committee is studying plans for a church social center that the overcrowded condition of the Sunday School may be relieved.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the pastor, was the preacher at the union services during Holy Week at Sacramento. Sunday evenings are being devoted to a Brotherhood Forum. Recent speakers have been Galen M. Fisher, Arnold S. Nash, J. Hudson Ballard, Kilsoo K. Haan, and E. Guy Talbott.

PORTERVILLE. The recent gift of stage curtains and draperies for the social hall prompted a generous member to give a beautiful table and chair. The Thursday evening supper meetings during Lent have been well attended. Field Secretary William W. Meyer was speaker on one of the evenings. Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith is pastor.

PARLIER. Rev. N. K. Hachian, who was called to a Presbyterian church in San Francisco, has decided to remain at Parlier in response to the urgent request of his people. In cooperation with the Conference he will seek to make the Parlier church a center of church extension activity for Armenian people in the large surrounding area.

BENICIA. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, the new pastor, has arrived from Addison, Michigan, and is at work. The church has purchased a new five-room parsonage for his use. Under the leadership of Rev. N. F. Sanderson, who has served since the first of the year, a large attic has been transformed into attractive Sunday School rooms.

ORINDA. The architect and building committee are at work in studying the facilities which the church and church school will require, and in making preliminary sketches of a new educational building to be erected on the attractive property which the church possesses. A new young people's organization has been launched. Rev. Miles B. Fisher is pastor.

SAN CARLOS. A service dedicating the Church Honor Roll, which has a total of 64 names, was a notable occasion. Two of the young men have been killed in action, one missing in action, and one a prisoner of war. Families of those on the Honor Roll were invited to the service. Rev. H. J. Loken preached on "The Age-Long Trail."

OROVILLE. Rev. Frank E. Carlson reports that he has the finest pastor's training class of his experience, including nineteen young people of seventh and eighth grades.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

RIO VISTA. The young people of Pilgrim Fellowship are discussing practical problems relative to home, church, and community. Community needs in recreation for youth aroused considerable interest at a recent meeting, and a delegation of the young people will appear before the City Council and make suggestions for a recreation center. The Lenten services each Thursday evening begin with a pot luck supper, and are bringing new people who are enjoying the fellowship. Nine-tenths of those present remain for the religious program which follows. Children were baptized on Palm Sunday and Easter, and new members were received on Maunday Thursday. Business houses closed from 12 to 3 on Good Friday, and a one-hour worship service was held in the Congregational Church. The Easter offering is being devoted to the work of the Committee for War Victims and Services. Rev. E. T. Sherman is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Little by little, the debt elimination fund is increasing, and has now passed the two-thirds mark. Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, the pastor, arranged a very complete series of services for Easter week, beginning with Palm Sunday morning and evening, short devotional services Monday through Thursday at noon, Maunday Thursday choral communion service by candle-light; three-hour devotional service, largely music, on Good Friday; and the climax of all on Easter Day, with a cantata in the evening.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. A very successful financial canvass has been completed, the goal of which (with Conference help) is to make possible the retention of Mr. Eugene Sill as full-time pastor after his graduation from Pacific School of Religion. Rev. Byron Eshelman, former pastor but now of Oakland Pilgrim Church, preached on March 19. Three new members were received, all of whom sing in the choir.

RENO, NEVADA. On the Sunday when Rev. William Moll Case preached the closing sermon of his pastorate, the attendance was like Easter, with extra chairs in the aisles to accommodate the crowd. Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Schulz are carrying on splendidly during the interim between pastors, and while they are waiting for transportation to Hawaii. Two services of worship are planned for the church for Easter morning.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach has combined in a unique way two series of sermons on "Great Events in the Life of Jesus," one being on Wednesday mornings at 11 and the other each Sunday morning. Young people of the church entertained Service men at a successful St. Patrick's Day party, and the open house for Service men on Sunday afternoons continues.

SAN JOSE. At a recent meeting of lay men and women of the church with Supt. Gill, plans were discussed for the beginning of a new church plant at San Jose. A vigorous committee was appointed that will look ahead for several years to a campaign of fund raising and the selection of a site. Rev. S. C. Peabody is the pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The Easter season is always strongly emphasized by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Orr. His published announcement covers the entire month of April, concluding with a question box about the Bible and religion.

SAN LEANDRO. The Broadmoor Breakfast Club has been a prime mover in the beautifying of the church property, including the planting of shrubs, flowers, and tree roses. During past months an illuminated cross has been purchased for the chancel of the church. The vestibules have been improved by the laying of asphalt tile and the installation of beautifully carved chairs and table. The minister's study has been redecorated and refurnished. Much of the money which the Breakfast Club has earned has come by preparing the monthly dinners for the men's club, whose attendance ranges from 150 to 250. Rev. J. H. McCartney is the pastor of this church.

SOUTH BERKELEY, COMMUNITY. A splendid group of people worshipping together are moving rapidly toward formal organization and affiliation with our fellowship. Congregations are excellent, with the opening of folding doors into adjoining space being found necessary each Sunday. The income of the church from offerings alone and without pledges amounts to $150 a month. A special gift makes possible new hymn books. Prof. Buell Gallagher of Pacific School of Religion is identifying himself with the membership and the work. The directors in charge are Mr. Roy Nichols and Mr. R. K. Winters.

BERKELEY, FIRST. Plans are moving toward completion for the building improvements which are to be made after the duration, including a new chapel, Plymouth House, rearrangement of the chancel, and a beautiful stained-glass window, which is to come as a memorial. A great Easter offering is being made toward this end. Identical services at nine and eleven were held Easter Sunday. Rev. Vere V. Loper is pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. From the little church at Angels Camp, one young man has already been killed in action and another is missing. The Cradle Roll recently opened has been a help in finding new families. Preparations for Easter, class of new members, and Easter music, have taken a good deal of the time of the pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey. One trip was made for a service at White Pines, even in the midst of stormy weather.

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. John H. Gregg, who suffered injury as a result of an attack made upon him by a man in Service uniform, finds that he has not yet recovered sufficiently to enable him to carry his work and with the exception of Easter Sunday he will be on vacation for a few weeks. Sixty-five families have pledged over $800 for the third year of sacrificial giving to the Committee for War Victims and Services.

MARTINEZ. During the illness of Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pulpit has been occupied by President A. C. McGiffert, Jr., Professor Buell Gallagher, and Professor James Muilenburg, and the Easter sermons will be preached by Superintendent Gill. The money is in hand for new choir robes. The baptism and reception of members will come on Mothers' Day.

SANTA CRUZ. During March this church had two returned missionaries as speakers. Rev. G. F. Bruen told of the Presbyterian work in Korea, and Rev. R. N. Davis from Peking told of conditions in that city and of the work of our American Board representatives, with whom he is well acquainted. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. The Wednesday evening school of Christian Living has brought out an attendance of close to 150 each night, with Dr. Hugh Vernon White, Superintendent Harley H. Gill, Chaplain C. J. McMichael, Dr. Herbert E. Stolz, Mr. Allen Blaisdell, and Professor Buell Gallagher as speakers. Mr. Lewis B. Avery, a long-time member of the church who passed away recently, left a bequest in memory of his daughter, for the purchase of religious education equipment. Miss Dorathea Darch, former religious Education director, will be on the staff of the week-day religious education program in Honolulu. Rev. Robert Inglis is pastor.

PALO ALTO. Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Augustine Jones, the mid-week services on Thursdays have been devoted to biographies behind the great hymns. The issue of the curfew has been to the fore in Palo Alto. Professor Dan Stone of the High School has been a leader in crystallizing public opinion. As the counsellor of the Round Table Group in the church, he has had the young people discuss all aspects of the question and their own recommendations have formed the basis of the final report because of its thoroughness and balance.

TULARE. A "Roll of Honor," a beautiful hand-made leather book, will contain the Service records of Tulare men and women. A page will be devoted to each person, having a space for picture, Service record, and a changeable card for the latest address. The book will be kept at the church, and takes the place of a Service flag. Thirty-five De Molay boys were guests on a recent Sunday morning. The regular increased attendance has made necessary a rearrangement of seating. Rev. Arthur L. Rice is pastor.

ALAMEDA. This church is one of those sending the "Messenger" to people in the Services. Eighty-two copies are going out. The newly organized young adult group is meeting on the second and fourth Sunday evenings. A varied program is planned with a series dealing with the church and the community. Rev. Ralph V. Conard, the minister, sends a monthly letter to his people which strikes a high spiritual note rather than merely telling of events to come.

GUERNEVILLE. At the annual meeting held on the first Sunday in March, there was an attendance of 65. Officers were elected; four new members were received into membership. There has been a revision of the roll, and the membership now stands at 37. The canvass of the town is going forward now to make it possible for the pastor, Mr. Henry Hayden, to remain on a full-time basis after his graduation from Pacific School of Religion.

WEAVERVILLE. As a result of a very successful every-member canvass, the church has been enabled to reduce its asking for missionary aid by four-sevenths. Preliminary steps are being taken toward a program of weekday religious education. Two splendid Christian workers were received into membership Rev. P. N. Bennett, the pastor, takes an active interest in Rotary Club, Scouts, Cubs, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Red Cross.

NILES. This church responded generously to the opportunity for an Easter offering. A splendid class of new members will be received, 26 having expressed a desire to unite. Rev. D. Q. Grabill is pastor.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Gratifying progress is being made in the plans for the proposed social house. Various organizations of the church are assisting in the building plans, under the chairmanship of Mr. George B. Martin, head of the building committee. Money for the project is coming in with surprising rapidity. This church was happy to serve as host on the occasion when the Arlington Avenue Community Church was received into fellowship of the Bay Association, and its pastor was ordained. Rev. Pierson Parker, the pastor, has been elected President of the Pacific Division of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis.

FERNDALE and LOLETA. Rev. Robert B. Whitaker has announced his resignation, to take effect at the end of April or as soon thereafter as is possible. Mr. Whitaker is under the doctor's care and has been advised that for some months he should take a complete rest. During his pastorate the Ferndale Church has been strengthened and the work at Loleta has been completely revived and reorganized. This has necessitated a tremendous amount of energy, and without doubt has been a factor in bringing about the physical condition which results in Mr. Whitaker's resignation. He will make his home in San Jose for the time being.

SAN RAFAEL. Two released-time weekday classes for elementary school ages are being conducted in the church. A permit has recently been obtained from the Government, and negotiations entered into with a local bus firm, to charter a 45-passenger bus to call for children in three new housing areas adjoining San Rafael each Sunday morning. New colored-glass windows in the auditorium give a pleasing appearance. One hundred new hymnals have also been purchased for the worship services. Rev. W. W. Turner is the pastor.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM. The finishing of the interior is more than half done, and will be well along toward completion at Easter. The grounds have been plowed in preparation for landscaping. A junior High Y boys' club is being organized, with an average attendance at three meetings of 30. An honor roll plaque of 15 names of young men in Service has been dedicated. Rev. Byron Eshelman, the pastor, occupied the pulpit of his former parish in Ocean View, exchanging pulpits with Mr. Eugene Sill.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. The 18th birthday of the church was celebrated at a dinner in March and at the same time Rev. V. B. Amirkhanian, who is serving the church as a supply, was honored. Mr. Amirkhanian will close his work with the church during the latter part of May, and will go to Kingsburg as pastor of the Presbyterian Armenian Church. Negotiations are under way with a minister in the eastern part of the United States, but they have not reached the stage where an announcement is advisable.

SACRAMENTO. The church is determined to wipe out its debt and to provide at the same time a fund for repairs. Ten thousand dollars is the goal. Rev. Torrance Phelps reports that the church now has on its list of members 400 families.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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PLANS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Spring Meeting at San Mateo, Thursday, April 20, beginning at 10:30. Addresses by Rev. David Stowe, Director of Plymouth House, Berkeley; Rev. William W. Meyer, Conference Field Secretary, and Rev. James H. Price of Pacific School of Religion. The visiting speaker will be Rev. James E. Walter of Boston, Secretary of the Missions Council for New England area, his theme being "God's Color Scheme." There will be reports by Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Thank Offering Secretary, and Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Reading List Secretary. Special music has been arranged by the San Mateo Church. Rev. Burton M. Palmer of Woodside will conduct the service of worship. Basket lunch at noon; coffee and tea will be served. The church is located on Tilton Avenue at San Mateo Drive.

At our March meeting, Mrs. Verdette Walters, Home Field Secretary, urged us to make more use of the Envelope Series and of slides, films, and pictures for our young people. The University will lend films if we pay postage. (Pilgrim Press at 14 Beacon St., Boston, will send a list of plays which can be obtained for 65 cents a dozen.) Concerning race relations, she quoted Dr. Buell Gallagher: "Religious forces are always running ambulances. When will they get there in time to PREVENT catastrophes?"

Mrs. James Price, reporting Foreign Field News, sketched the missionary history of the Marshall Islands in the Pacific. Our missionaries went there from Hawaii in 1852. In 1894 we had 23 missionaries in that region. Then Germany took over the Islands. After World War I they were given to Japan, and the Japanese Christian Church still carries on missionary work there. Miss Eleanor Wilson, our last American Board missionary to leave the Marshalls (1941) is now preparing to return as soon as conditions permit, and the American Board hopes to send with her a family and a woman nurse-teacher. A cablegram from Miss Denton of Japan, sent last June via Red Cross, has recently come through: "Recovered three months pneumonia. Surrounded by loving care words cannot describe." Miss Denton is now 86 years old. On February 17, Miss Maryette Lum passed from a very active life, almost instantly (a heart attack). For years an American Board teacher in Bridgman Academy, Peking, China, she delighted our Federation, when on furlough, with her Chinese songs. Collecting and interpreting Chinese music was her life work. Her concern has been great for the Bridgman girls who are finding their way to Free China, hoping to continue their education there. As a Memorial for Miss Lum, a Fund for these refugee students is being raised, and over $600 has already been received. Our Federation warmly recommends this Memorial to our women. Send gifts to "Maryette Lum Memorial Fund," care of Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, Treasurer, 70 So. 17th St., San Jose 12, Calif. "Mother" Goodsell told of plans for a delegation to visit South America in answer to an appeal to the American Board from 150 Congregational Churches that have sprung up there, mostly in Brazil. Dr. Goodsell and one other will leave New York on April 10; will spend some weeks with these South American churches to see what we can do for them; then will spend June with Dr. Laubach in Mexico. "After that," said Mrs. Goodsell joyfully, "Fred will come to California to visit Mother!"

Mrs. C. F. Gossett, Social Welfare Secretary, read a letter from Miss Patty Lee Coghill, Home Missions Secretary, who said she was amazed at the amount of work the women of northern California have done during the past year. Mrs. Gossett told of the fire at Pleasant Hill Academy, Tennessee (due to thieves), which burned dormitory supplies; also the salesroom clothing through which many a hard-pressed mother has clothed and educated her children. They ask for more clothes to replace those lost. Greek Relief needs more sewing.

Mrs. Chester Marliave, Speakers' Bureau Chairman, will be glad to secure speakers, on request, providing sufficient time is allowed. Mrs. Philip Greisinger, Reading Chairman, gave helpful suggestions for Lenten reading. She will report Reading records at the Spring meeting. Miss Mary Coxhead, Social Relations Secretary, made an earnest plea for thoughtful facing of facts and understanding of human values, as we read the news.

Mrs. T. E. Borden led our devotions, and gave us fresh insights into the Four Gospels, characterizing Matthew as a profile of Jesus, for Jews; Mark as an etching, for Romans; Luke as a half-tone, for Greeks; John, the most loved of all the Gospels, as a full life-size portrait, for Christians.

The afternoon speaker was Rev. Stephen D. Pyle, pastor of Union Church, Peking, China, from 1930 to 1942. He said he had heard of our group through Dr. Alma Cooke, and declared that our interest in her is well placed, for he has seen her work in North China. Of the three mission Boards in Peking—Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational,—ours did the least extensive work, but made up in quality. The girls and boys in American Board Schools had the highest records in scholarship; and in his estimation Earle Ballou was the leader in all North China missionary work. Illustrating with movies taken in 1939 by an interested press photographer from Switzerland, Mr. Pyle told of Union Church, an interdenominational church of 150 members, to which all Congergational missionaries in Peking belonged. It had an active Women's Guild; a well departmentalized Sunday School; and an outstanding Men's Brotherhood which included Protestants, Catholics, Jews, and Buddhists,—all uniting in work for the poverty stricken Chinese living just over the Compound wall behind the fine church building. Marine Officer Evans F. Carlson (now leading "Carlson's Raiders") was vice-president of this Men's Brotherhood; and Joseph Stilwell, then Military Attache, was a member. Playground activities; school (with lunches of hot cabbage); health clinics (vaccinations, and trachoma treatments by an efficient Chinese nurse); industrial training, with salesroom for articles made; relief rations of cornmeal and fuel,—these and other activities were carried on by Union Church. Gripsholm repatriates say the church is now used for a recreation club for Japanese.

Our sympathy and good wishes go to our beloved and gifted Correspondent to the Pacific, who is recovering from pneumonia. Get well fast, Miss Perkins; we can't spare you long!

The World Friendship Club of **Sacramento Pioneer Church** recently held their annual Tea combined with a White Elephant Sale, at the Interracial Center, to raise money for this project which includes Negroes, Chinese, Hindus, Portugese, and others. Some of us remember when Mrs. A. V. Dunn told of the inception of this project. The Women's Club of **Sebastopol Church** is redecorating the whole interior of the church, so by Easter everything will seem like new. The annual Daffodil Tea of **Berkeley North Church** Women's Auxiliary was a beautiful event. Over 5,000 daffodils were sold, and about $100 cleared. "Appreciation Week," instituted by the Woman's Society of Broadmoor Church, was taken up by the whole church, and the resulting letters of appreciation, invitations to home-dinners, and similar expressions, have given joy to many recipients and intensified the feeling of church fellowship. **Palo Alto** Women's Society recently entertained the husbands of the members at an evening meeting at which Dr. Jones talked on "Who's Who in the Clergy." The Woman's Guild of **Orinda Community Church** is starting a fund for furnishing the kitchen of the church they hope to have before long. Our Federation warmly welcomes this Guild and the women's group of the **Arlington Avenue Church** as they now join us. The World Service Committee of the Woman's Association of **Berkeley First Church** is sponsoring a series of three Seminars on "The Three Levels of Peace." Speakers: Dr. Arthur Swift on "The Individual and the Community"; Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert on "Christians and Institutions"; Dr. Buell Gallagher on "International Relations." **Alameda Church** women have been responsible for a pot-luck dinner twice a month through the past year, and now every week through Lent. The Circles take turns setting tables and making coffee and dessert. Each family brings a salad or hot dish. Cafeteria service prevails. From a collection of 10 cents each, the young people are paid for washing dishes, thus earning money for their Conference fund. A prompt schedule is maintained: dinner at 6:15; evening service, 7:10; choir practice, 8:00. Results have been rewarding.

—Claribel E. Sadler,
"pinch-hitting" for
Miss Helen Perkins.

Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Thank Offering Secretary, now has a supply of Thank Offering boxes which may be secured at 1½ cents each. She will bring a quantity to the Spring Meeting, and suggests that if local church groups will ascertain their requirements ahead of time and come to the meeting with their orders she will fill them there and then and thus save Federation postage.

A LETTER HOME

Solomon Islands,
Hell's Half Acre.

I don't often talk of God in my letters to you, but today—I don't know why—I have a strange feeling that I would like to become serious for a few minutes.

The other day when I was at work I heard a chaplain talk to a group of men who were almost at their zero hour of combat. These men knew that in the next few hours—maybe the next 24 hours—they would find themselves facing death. They knew then that it was going to take "guts" to be able to face direct fire and know that those whining sounds above their heads meant death for whoever they hit. I know that it's not easy to think of the loved ones back home—your wife, your parents, and friends—and know that you probably will never see them again. It takes a lot of courage and faith to be able to go in and do your job when everything is against you.

The chaplain closed his talk with a prayer that those boys could hold in their hearts and minds. I think that I can remember most of it:

"Grant us courage for the conflict,
Patience for the long striving, and
Love enough to forgive. Amen."

Those few words are God's pattern of living; grant us courage—without it one couldn't even start. Patience for the long striving—without patience to last we would never be able to finish what we started. Love enough to forgive—in the Bible there is a verse which says, "But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

If the peace that follows this war isn't founded on forgiveness it won't last. The reason for Germany's fighting again is the same; we took everything from her and didn't try to forgive, so she rose up again in protest.

Well, that's about all I can say in this serious part except to write a poem down that I have in front of me; it's by Edwin Markham and called "Man Making":

"We are all blind until we see
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making if
It does not make the man.
Why build these cities glorious
If man unbuilded goes?
In vain we build the work unless
The builder also grows."

—Roy Coombes.

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Each month The Pacific is trying to present excerpts from letters from some of our boys. The above was written to his wife by Roy Coombes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peirce Coombes of Redwood City. Roy is one of the SeaBees.

SARATOGA. A news sheet, entitled "Your Home Town," with space for a personal letter, goes to the young men and women in the armed Services. Rev. Fred R. Morrow, the pastor, has been preaching a series of sermons on the "I Am" of Christ—"The Vine and the Branches," "The Good Shepherd," "He, Whom Thou Seekest," and "The Resurrection and the Life."

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